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SUBJECT: BONN SUMMIT: ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARATION

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1. AS INDICATED REFTELS A NUMBER OF ISSUES REMAIN UN-
RESOLVED IN THE AFTERMATH OF AUGUST 1-2 BONN MEETING. WE
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WISH TO DO WHATEVER IS POSSIBLE TO KEEP UP MOMENTUM BEHIND
SUMMIT DECLARATION AND TO OVERCOME RESERVATIONS WHICH SOME
OF THE SEVEN STILL HAVE. IN OUR VIEW, IT IS PARTICULARLY
IMPORTANT THAT ALL OF THE SEVEN JOIN IN THE DIPLOMATIC
EFFORT TO OBTAIN WIDEST POSSIBLE SUPPORT FOR SUMMIT DECLA-
RATION. AT BONN FOLLOW-ON MEETING THE FRENCH DELEGATION
WAS FASTIDIOUS IN RESERVING ITS POSITION ON DIPLOMATIC

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DEMARCHES IN OTHER CAPITALS BUT ITALIANS, JAPANESE AND
BRITISH WERE ALSO UNWILLING TO COMMIT THEIR GOVERNMENTS
TO THE COORDINATED APPROACH WHICH WE AND THE GERMANS
STRONGLY FAVORED AND WHICH CANADIANS SUPPORTED.

2. EMBASSIES PARIS, LONDON, ROME AND TOKYO SHOULD, THERE-
FORE, PROMPTLY CONTACT HOST GOVERNMENTS URGING THEM TO
JOIN IN PROPOSED DIPLOMATIC DEMARCHES. YOU SHOULD ASK HOST
GOVERNMENTS TO INFORM FRG OF THEIR DECISION TO PARTICIPATE

AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND SEND APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS
TO THEIR EMBASSIES. YOU SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT IT WAS OUR
UNDERSTANDING THAT AT THE SUMMIT, ALL SEVEN FOREIGN
MINISTERS WERE INSTRUCTED TO TAKE QUOTE IMMEDIATE UNQUOTE
ACTION TO OBTAIN THE SUPPORT OF OTHER NATIONS. WE ARE AT
A LOSS TO UNDERSTAND WHY AT BONN FOLLOW-ON MEETING SEVERAL
COUNTRIES EXPRESSED RETICENCE TO JOIN IN SUCH AN EFFORT.
EMBASSIES BONN AND OTTAWA SHOULD DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH FRG
AND GOC TO SEE WHETHER THEY SEE ANY WAY TO EXPEDITE THE
PROCESS. WE ARE FRANKLY DISAPPOINTED THAT AS REPORTED REF
(B) FRG IS GOING TO LET MATTER RIDE UNTIL END OF AUGUST.
IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING AFTER AUGUST 1-2 MEETING THAT ALL
PARTICIPANTS WOULD GET A DECISION FROM THEIR GOVERNMENTS
AS SOON AS THEY RETURNED TO THEIR CAPITALS AND THAT EVERY
EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO HAVE INSTRUCTIONS SENT TO THE
FIELD QUICKLY SO THAT DEMARCHES COULD BE COMPLETED IF AT
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ALL POSSIBLE BY AUGUST 31.

3. AS FRG IS AWARE WE HAVE ALREADY MADE A NUMBER OF
DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS IN OTHER CAPITALS AND OUR AMBASSADORS
HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONSULT WITH THEIR GERMAN COL-
LEAGUES. WE DO NOT WISH TO CREATE IMPRESSION OF DIVISION
AMONG THE SEVEN, BUT OBVIOUSLY OUR AMBASSADORS IN COURSE
OF THEIR NORMAL CONTACTS WILL BE DISCUSSING DECLARATION.
WE CONCUR WITH GERMAN PROPOSAL FOR DEALING WITH IRANIAN
REQUEST AND THINK SAME PROCEDURE SHOULD BE FOLLOWED WITH
THOSE GOVERNMENTS WHO WANT TO EXPRESS THEIR SUPPORT FOR
BONN DECLARATION IN A FORMAL WAY. CHRISTOPHER

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